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in extending the works of MM. Villa Nueva and Neumayer, and the means of doing so, and that the Committee be requested to report to the Society at as early a date as possible.

And the meeting was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, December 4, 1885.*

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. Horace Jayne, a newly-elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat.

Donations for the Library were received from the Naturforschende Gesellschaft and the Zoölogischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; K. P. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin; Société de Géographie and L'Alliance Scientifique Universelle, Paris; Nature; Society of Antiquaries, London; Canadian Institute; Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada; Boston Society of Natural History; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge; Mr. Charles S. Sargent, of Brookline, Mass.; Yale College; American Chemical Society and the New York Academy of Sciences; Mr. W. J. Potts, of Camden, N. J.; Franklin Institute, the American Fire Insurance Co., Drs. W. S. W. Ruschenberger and Persifer Frazer, Messrs. Alex. E. Harvey, Henry Phillips, Jr., McCalla & Stavely, and Francis Jordan, Jr., of Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; United States National Museum, United States Geological Survey and the Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Jed. Hotchkiss, of Staunton, Va., and Mr. G. W. Hough, of Chicago.

Letters of envoy were read from the Canadian Institute, Toronto; the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment were read from the Statistical Society, London (117, 118, 119); the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (120); *Annales des Mines* (97-120); Royal Society of Edinburgh (116, 117, 118, 119).

Letters accepting membership in the Society were read from Horace Jayne, M.D. (Phila., 1826 Chestnut St., November 26, 1885), Gaston Planté (Paris, April 12, 1885).

A letter was read from Prof. Lesley declining the appointment as chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting on the works of Villa Nueva and Neumayer.

A circular was read from the Trustees of the "Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund," calling attention to the provisions under which the fund was administered.

Prof. Frazer, from the Committee on the Works of Villa Nueva and Neumayer, reported progress.

An obituary notice of the late James Macfarlane, prepared by Prof. J. P. Lesley, was read by the Secretaries.

A MS. record book of the Wistar Association, 1824-1839, was returned to the Society by Prof. Lesley, with a letter stating he had just discovered it among a mass of papers.

Dr. Frazer presented a paper entitled a *Résumé* of the Geology of York County, Pa.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Officers and Council submitted certain proposed changes in the Laws and Regulations of the Society, which were read, and under the laws laid over until December 18, 1885.

Pending nominations Nos. 1067-1075 were read.

On motion, permission was given to Prof. Cope to withdraw his paper on *Iguanidæ*, presented and accepted for the Transactions, and the Secretaries were requested to add to it his paper "Thirteenth Contribution to the Herpetology of Tropical America."

And the meeting was adjourned by the President.